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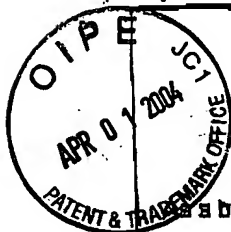
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Dear Ms. Nelson,

Per your request, attached is a copy of the executed Declaration/Power of Attorney. For the purpose of clarity, we are also providing a copy of the original unsigned document.

Sincerely,


Steven L. Oberholtzer



Attorney Docket No.: 12400-006

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY ORIGINAL APPLICATION

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IMPROVEMENTS IN OR RELATING TO AN AIR-BAG UNIT MOUNTED ON A SEAT

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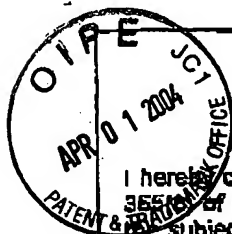
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